The Editor's Notes

Robert Lock, Editor/Publisher

Welcome to the first issue of **Home and Educational COMPUTING!**. As most of you are aware, with the January/February issue, the magazine will move to a bimonthly format. With that issue, we'll be greatly expanding the scope of the magazine, essentially covering the personal and educational computers that sell for less than $500-$600. The "Mass Market Micros", as they've been referred to.

VIC-20 News

By the time this issue reaches you, the new Programmer's Reference Guide should be close to release. We understand it will be printed and distributed by Howard Sams and Company, as well as available through Commodore dealers. Pre-release pricing suggests a suggested retail of $16.95.

Also check your dealers for several new software releases, some from Commodore, and some from independent software vendors who are now moving to support the VIC.

Random Rumors

Watch for an earlier introduction of the disk drive (perhaps December-January?), a VIC-based Sargon Chess game from Hayden Publishing, and a series of Scott Adams Adventure games that work with or without the Votrax Type & Talk ... that's right, a talking adventure game series.

We finally got pricing and availability information on the off-size paper for the new VIC printer (standard paper does not fit it). The printer paper should be fully available at dealers, and costs $15.00 per 1,000 sheet pack. We would hope that those prices might decline as enterprising supply houses provide additional competition.

A Call For Feedback

Are you VIC owners having TV color problems? Use the Editor's Feedback card in this issue to let us know. Indicate your VIC's serial number, the Model TV you have, and a brief assessment of your problems (if any), and solutions (if any). We'll put the information together in a later issue, and try to develop some profile of whether readers are having any color problems, and if so, if they're TV-make responsive. ☆

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Dear Editor:

I have written a very marketable game program for the VIC. I want to send it to the software evaluation department, but Commodore is ignoring me.

So, could you please write me a letter telling the address of the place where software is evaluated. If not that, maybe an individual that I can contact. — Mark Uppendahl

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